

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted to correct a typographical error in claim 8 and to overcome the rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and thereby to simplify the issues for appeal. The Applicants respectfully submit that because one issue has been plainly overcome and no new issues have been raised, entry of the present Amendment for the purposes of appeal is appropriate.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (109289-00164). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fees due are authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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